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SPRINGFIELD, IL - The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **June 1 Hogs and Pigs Report**. State and national highlights of the report include:

ILLINOIS

The **number of hogs and pigs on Illinois farms** on June 1, 2008 was 4.35 million head, nine percent more than a year earlier but two percent less than the March 1, 2008 inventory. Breeding hogs, at 440 thousand head, was unchanged from a year ago, but down two percent from last quarter. Market hogs, at 3.91 million head, were up ten percent from June 2007 but down two percent from March 2008.

The Illinois **March-May pig crop**, at 2.151 million, was up three percent from a year ago. There were 230 thousand sows that farrowed, unchanged from the farrowings for the same time last year. Pigs per litter, at 9.35, were up from the average of 9.25 pigs saved per litter last quarter.

Illinois hog producers **intend to farrow** 465 thousand sows between June 1 and November 30, 2008. This would be 25 thousand farrowings less than during this period a year ago. Producers expect to farrow 230 thousand sows during the June-August quarter, down six percent from a year earlier. The first intentions estimate for farrowings during the September-November quarter is 235 thousand sows, down four percent from the number farrowed during that period in 2007.

UNITED STATES

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2008 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up 2 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 head to 9.40 for operations with more than 2,000 head.

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U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, at 3.05 million sows, are down 4 percent from 2007 but up 3 percent from 2006. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 41 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS JUNE 1, 2007-2008

	Illinois			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	440	440	100	6,120	6,069	99
Market	3,560	3,910	110	57,830	61,591	107
Under 60 lbs.	1,310	1,420	108	21,782	22,587	104
60-119 lbs.	920	990	108	14,339	15,167	106
120-179 lbs.	760	850	112	11,790	12,907	109
180 lbs.& over	570	650	114	9,920	10,931	110
Total	4,000	4,350	109	63,951	67,661	106

HOGS AND PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2007-2008

	Illinois			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing						
Dec-Feb 1/	210	240	114	2,905	3,067	106
Mar-May	230	230	100	3,033	3,092	102
Jun-Aug	245	230 2/	94	3,132	3,070	98
Sep-Nov	245	235 2/	96	3,180	3,052	96
Pig Crop						
Dec-Feb 1/	1,901	2,220	117	26,396	28,352	107
Mar-May	2,082	2,151	103	27,896	29,000	104
	Number					
Pigs Per Litter						
Dec-Feb 1/	9.05	9.25	-	9.09	9.24	-
Mar-May	9.05	9.35	-	9.20	9.38	-

1/ December of prior year.

2/ Intentions.

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